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## PROGRESS REPORT ON AMBULANCE OVERSIGHT GROUP

On March 28, 2006, your Board instructed my office, in coordination with the Director of Health Services, to convene an oversight group for all seven ambulance zones for the purpose of ensuring a seamless and timely transition from the current 9-1-1 emergency ambulance transportation agreements to the new agreements, approved by your Board on March 14, 2006. You also instructed us to report back within 45 days on the progress of the ambulance oversight group.

The Department of Health Services' (DHS) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency has worked with the California Contract Cities Association (CCCA), as well as the League of Cities, to select the membership of the Ambulance Oversight Group (AOG). The membership consists of one city manager from each of the seven Exclusive Operating Areas (EOAs), a representative for the unincorporated area from my Office of Unincorporated Area Services and Special Projects, the Executive Director of CCCA, and representation from the Los Angeles County Fire District (LACoFD) and the EMS Agency, as the DHS representative. In addition, the four municipal fire departments covered by the EOA were invited.

The first AOG meeting was held on May 2, 2006, with a representative in attendance from each EOA (list attached). The EMS Agency and LACoFD staff made a presentation to the committee members on the following: responsibilities of the AOG as defined in the March 28, 2006 motion, to ensure a seamless and timely transition from the current ambulance agreements to the new agreements; brief overview of the new agreements, issues related to implementation of the new agreements and, where new ambulance companies had been selected as the service providers, transition of

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services; and development of the Mutual Aid Plan. In particular, the proposal to develop a Mutual Aid Plan was met with a positive response from the participants. There were no significant concerns raised during the meeting. The city representatives were interested in the specific Statement of Work of each ambulance EOA contract and were provided with information in response to their questions.

The next AOG meeting has been tentatively scheduled for May 25, 2006, the week prior to the May 31, 2006 implementation target date. Representatives from each ambulance company will be in attendance at the next meeting to answer questions regarding the implementation and transition in specific EOA(s).

One or two additional meetings will be held following the implementation of the new agreements. The EMS Agency will continue to maintain a close working relationship with the cities with regard to ambulance services and has agreed to provide an annual report to the CCCA on the overall performance of the agreements.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Sheila Shima, of my staff, at (213) 974-1160. Questions may also be directed to Carol Meyer, Director, DHS EMS Agency at (323) 890-7545.

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